



TALENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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A BIG SUCCESS AND THANK YOU

The premier on March 1st of Yvonne Reynolds' book TALENT - WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD was a delightful day for all who participated in the book signing. Thanks to each one who helped to make it such a memorable day. We had over 100 people attend. The weather couldn't have been more beautiful for the Classic Trolley Car rides.

Special thanks to the Talent Garden Club who hosted a beautiful tea to compliment the occasion.

Copies of the book are available at the Talent Historical Museum for \$12.95, or by calling Yvonne Reynolds at 535-4942. They will also be available at our Pot Luck on June 9th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fourth of July Parade in Ashland
Bob Day - July 13th
Applegate Trail Celebration -
October 3rd

Clean-up day at Stearns Cemetery on May 18th and 19th. The annual membership meeting and pot luck lunch will be at noon on the 18th.

SEQUICENTENNIAL PLANS

The wagon train celebrating 150 years since the Applegate Trail pioneers traveled through our area, will arrive in Talent on Wednesday, October 2nd of this year. Here is how the Talent Historical Society plans to celebrate the event.

Commemorative coins in gold overlay, silver and bronze are being cast. A reproduction of both sides of the coin are used for our logo at the top of this news letter. Purchasers of the first fifty coins will receive a price discount. All coins in the first run will be numbered, making them more valuable than later runs. Advance orders can be made at our museum on Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Phone orders will also be taken by Susan Moulder at 535-9060 or Joe Myers at 512-0807. We expect to have the coins available for sale in Ashland on the Fourth of July at our booth, located at the corner of N. Main and Winburn Way, and on Bob Day on July 13th at our museum. Gold \$25.00 - all numbered to 500
Silver \$15.00 - numbered to 3000
Bronze \$ 5.00

A discount of 20% is available to members of the Talent Historical Society who prepay on or before June 9th.

STEERS TO OXEN

Tom and Susan Moulder have purchased a pair of young steers. Under the tutelage of Frank West, (who is in his nineties, and the author of MANUAL ON TRAINING STEERS FOR OXEN) and nineteen-year-old April Heuirre, are learning to train them as oxen. This is for their summer project and not a project of the Talent Historical Society. However, they do need pieces of oak suitable for making ox yokes. They also are looking for a medium size wagon which the young oxen can pull in the celebration parade in October. If you can be of help, please contact Wayne Robertson at 899-7898.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO A POT LUCK DINNER

Join your membership on Sunday, June 9th at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a real "Get Together" - NOT a business meeting. There is a good possibility we will have commemorative coins available for sale at the Pot Luck. Our guest of honor will be Frank West and April Heuirre. Come, get acquainted and share your interests.

Bring a friend and enter a drawing to win a free mug with our new coin logo on it - a treasure to be remembered! Please bring your own table setting. Coffee and tea provided. We hope to be able to show clips from two videos on the Applegate Trail and oxen pulling.

REMEMBER

You are always welcome at our board meetings. They are held the first Sunday of each month, 1:30 p.m. THS museum.

JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL FUND

On April 23rd, at the Jackson County Commissioners' meeting, the final recommendation for Talent Historical Society's share of the funds was \$28,658.00. This is the first time Talent has received funds from the Jackson County Historical Fund since the fund was established by a County ordinance in the 1940s. The people of Talent have been paying a portion of their taxes into this fund for almost 50 years, and now our town can be proud of the great achievement and wonderful things it can do for our community.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS;

Doris and Joe Myers - Talent
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Robertson -
Jacksonville
Roger White - Ashland - Sales Assoc.
Windermere/Van Vleet

"A town is no better or worse than the people who form it and those who continue to reside in it and develop it. We may look at a map of our nation and marvel at the numerous cities and towns tucked away within its many folds of mountains and plains. Then we need only reflect momentarily to be overwhelmed by the thought of the many lives that have gone into the making of each of those towns, large and small." TALENT - WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD, Yvonne Reynolds



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